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REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"), claims 39, 52-53, and 66 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 27, 36, 54, 62-63, 70-71, and 76 have been amended. No claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 27-38, 40-51, 54-65, and 67-78 are pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants are electronically submitting a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on even date, and respectfully request that the Examiner consider the cited references and provide a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner has indicated that claims 50-51 and 77-78 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims [Office Action, pg. 13, ¶14].

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REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 27-49 and 52-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,226,360 to Goldberg *et al.* ("Goldberg"), and U.S. Patent No. 6,269,151 to Hanson [Office Action, pg. 2, ¶12]. Applicants disagree with the propriety of each of the rejections. However, independent claims 27 and 54 have been amended *solely* in an effort to expedite prosecution.

In particular, independent claim 27 recites, *inter alia*, the features of:

service subscription means for enabling at least one subscriber to subscribe to at least one service that can output personalized information, and for enabling the at least one user to specify preferences for the content and presentation of service output information, as well as delivery parameters for receiving service output information, the delivery parameters including at least one device to which service output information is to be delivered, and delivery instructions based on a detected recipient;

Independent claim 54 similarly recites:

enabling at least one subscriber to subscribe to at least one service that can output personalized information, and to specify preferences for the content and presentation of service output information, as well as delivery parameters for receiving service output information, the delivery parameters including at least one device to which service output information is to be delivered, and delivery instructions based on a detected recipient;

Neither Goldberg nor Hanson disclose the foregoing features associated with subscription. For at least this reason, independent claims 27 and 54 are patentable over Goldberg and Hanson, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are improper and should

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be withdrawn. Dependent claims 28-38, 40-51, 55-65, and 67-78 are allowable because they each depend from an allowable independent claim, as well as for the further features they recite.

CONCLUSION


Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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